

# Sakari Laurila – CV

multidisciplinary artist // producer  
writer // lecturer // photographer



**Birth time and place:**  
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## Education

**Master of Arts (in film)**, Thames Valley University. London, 2006-2008

**Bachelor in Communications**, double degree, INHolland University. Amsterdam, 2001-2005

**Bachelor in Business Administration**, double degree, EVTEK. Helsinki. 2001-2005

## Curator, producer and cultural space organiser

**Kammari residency** – a rural residency for researchers and artists in a mountain village in Cyprus: establisher/producer/curator. *residency.kammari.org*. Cyprus, 2017-

**Kammari Helsinki** – a urban cultural space for experimental thinking and arts: establisher/producer/curator. *kammari.org*. Helsinki, 2014-2015.

**ROMU JAZZ** – a concert and jam session series of free jazz musicians and other experimental musicians in urban wasteland and experimental spaces, such as a fishing boat: establisher/producer/curator. *kammari.org/vapaa-jazz/*. Helsinki, 2014-2015.

**Norpas festival** – international festival of interdisciplinary arts: an assistant producer and curator. *festivalsnorpas.org*. Taalintehdas/Barcelona 2012-

**Helsinki Film Academy** – an independent film academy of Helsinki: a member of the production team. Helsinki, 2014-present.

**Cultural centre NOOK**- centre for arts and interdisciplinary cultural initiatives: cultural producer, organiser and manager in international art collaborations. *nookpoblesec.wordpress.com*. Barcelona, 2012-2015.

**Kutomo** – cultural exchange organisation: cultural producer of international artistic exchange. Barcelona/Helsinki, 2011-2012.

**Festival Surpas** – international festival of interdisciplinary arts: production assistant and documentation. Portbou, Catalonia, 2010-2011.

**Rotoreliefs** – a monthly short film festival for experimental works in Roxy Bar and Screen, London: establisher/curator. *vimeo.com/channels/rotoreliefs*. London, 2006-2008.

**Lumimaa Productions** – a collective of culture, cinema, music, dance, poetry, video and photography: establisher/cultural event curator/producer. Helsinki, Barcelona, London 2006-2015 (*lumimaa.org*).

## Art and dance projects

**DEFIN(D)ING** – inclusive contemporary dance project about challenging social categories and definitions: artistic creation collaboration and documentation. Berlin, 2016.

**The Resurrection Of Yuki** – a free jazz and location based performance project with performance artist Désirée Sophie Meul. Berlin, 2016.

**Sahastras** – experimental music tour and environmental art exhibition on primitivism and capitalism: curator/documentation/local producer. Barcelona, 2015.

**My Sunshine** – collaboration project of contemporary environmental art: video art/documentation director/local producer. Helsinki, Pescara, Venice biennial, 2009-2010.

**Walk** – collaboration project with environmental artist Vera Kowazevska: director of video installation/photography. Biennial of Young Artists in Europe, Bari, 2008.

**Traces** – workshop series of conceptual environmental art practices: co-producer. Cambridge University, 2007.

## Documentary and feature film work

**Armas Cooperative** – production company and work cooperative for documentaries, feature films, journalism and art: establisher/producer/director/photographer/musician. *armaskollektiivi.org*. 2013- present.

**Vocacion Ciego // A Blind Vocation** – a documentary about contemporary circus, collective creation process and encountering individual emotions and fears: producer/director/editor. Barcelona/Brussels, 2012-2016.

**Gritos en el Cielo** – an observational documentary about the popular uprising “Indignados” in Barcelona. A story about an occupied square and the dreams of a generation: producer/director/editor. Barcelona, 2012.

**Konttori** – a collage documentary about the daily life of people living in the outskirts of the competition society: producer/director/editor. Helsinki, 2013.

**With Victor** – an observational documentary about the rights of socially excluded people and a human rights worker in Mexico: camera/photographer. Mexico, 2007.

**Our Future, Your Future** – a documentary about dreams of children and a post-colonial reality between East-London elementary school and the equivalent in Uganda: co-director/photographer/editor. London 2007.

## Videos and short films

**Wood Gas Car** – a video for an exhibition in Mustarinda art residency and exhibition space, with environmental artist Tue Greenfort: editor. Helsinki, 2015.

**Dalmatias** – a short action video for a multimedia theatre performance about four femme fatal stewardesses: producer/director/photographer/editor. Barcelona 2012.

**Klubi & Konttori** – a series of two short videos about places for people in the margins of the society: producer/director/photographer/editor. Helsinki, 2010.

**Almost There** – a documentation and video works in collaboration with the visual art project My Sunshine. The video works were presented in Venice Biennial 2009. Producer/director/photographer/editor. Pescara/Venetsia/Rovaniemi/Helsinki, 2009.

**FLES** – an experimental 30 minute short video of archetypes of C.G. Jung and coming of age story of two youngsters: producer/director/photographer/editor. London, Thames Valley University, 2008.

**Dirty Fingernails** – a short animation and documentation video about the band Dirty fingernails: producer/director/photographer/editor. London, 2008.

**The Uncomfortable Story** – a short video about experiences of immigrants in private detention centres in England: photographer. London, 2006.

**Incog** – an experimental short video about a lost grandfather and the dreamlike attempts to reconnect to him: producer/director/photographer/editor. Helsinki/London, Thames Valley University, 2006.

**Röllin Sydän** – feature animation: editing of a voice-over rough cut. Matila & Röhr Productions. Helsinki, 2003.

## Photography

**Lumimaa Photography** – a collective of independent journalism, video and photography: photographer for journalistic works, documentation and creative photography. Helsinki/Barcelona, 2001- present.  
*photography.lumimaa.org*

## Freelance journalism

**Lumimaa Journalism** – a collective of independent journalism, video and photography: journalistic research/publishing articles/video journalism. Helsinki/Barcelona, 2001- present.

**Peruste-magazine** – a magazine of critical political and artistic analysis: editorial collective member/writer/organiser. Helsinki, 2014-2016. *perustelevhti.fi*

**Norpas-festivaalilehti** – international festival of interdisciplinary arts: editor of the art critical festival magazine discussing topics of music, arts and the society. Helsinki, 2013-2015.

**YLE** – Finnish broadcast company, short documentaries: photographer. Barcelona, 2013.

**Voima-lehti – freelance journalism and video journalism. Helsinki, 2011-2014.**

## Music videos

**Terika – Hopeinen Veitsi** – music video: director, photographer, editor, Helsinki, 2014.

**Blaumut – Pa Amb Oli i Sal** – music video: photographer, editor, Barcelona 2012.

**Cribs ili Bloods – Gypsy Rap** – music video: director, photographer, editor, Shutka, Macedonia, 2009.

## Wine industry

**Launer Oy** – wine import business: marketing & communications. Helsinki 2000-2016.

**Nieto Senetiner** – winery: translator, communications assistant, wine production. Mendoza, 2003.

## Pedagogy/teaching

**Helsinki Film Academy** – lecturer in film studies and photography. Helsinki, 2014-2016.

**Lapland University** – lecturer in workshops on photography and video. Rovaniemi, 2013.

## Other jobs

**Kovanen** – taxi company: taxi driver. Helsinki, 2000.

**Several restaurants in Helsinki:** dish washer, barman, waiter. Helsinki, 1997-1998.

**Heinon Tukku** – alcohol warehouse: warehouse worker. Helsinki, 1995-1996.

**Kansioaitta** – a folder factory: machine operator. Helsinki, 1994.

## Languages

**Finnish** – excellent, **English** – excellent, **Spanish** – good, **Swedish** – average.